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1. , BIS, is on temporary duty at the Key West Post to evaluate and assess the scope of the current reorganization of the Cuban domestic radio system. Preliminary information indicates that the Cuban radio has dropped many stations and has incorporated others into a few major networks.

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2. Communications Developments:

a. Messages transmitted by wire between the London and African Bureaus are also being airmailed to the addressee to insure receipt of the messages. This procedure was instituted after several messages were lost by the Nigerian Post & Telegraph.

b. Teletype service between the Tokyo Bureau and headquarters has deteriorated seriously. Measures undertaken with a view to improvement included consideration of equipment modernization and meetings with representatives of the Office of Communications J-6 USACA and DCA to get better service. DCA has promised FBIS a second allocated circuit from Tokyo to headquarters.

3. A staff paper on the Panama Post expansion is nearing completion by the Field Operations Staff.

4. Necessary equipment has been sent to the Hokkaido Bureau and is being requisitioned for the Mediterranean Bureau to permit increased cruising efforts to locate additional USSR domestic teletype

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press transmissions.

5. During the month coordination was effected between the West Coast and Okinawa Bureau to reduce the Okinawa Bureau's backlog of unprocessed Peking broadcasts.

6. A new Arab clandestine radio calling itself "Voice of the Arab Nation" has been heard for several weeks with poor signals. The broadcasts attack Syria "secessionists," Jordan, Saudi Arabia and various other Arab nations and sheikhdoms. Technical clues indicate the transmitter is located in Egypt.

7. The IBM runs for the BIS publication "Broadcasting Stations of the World" have been completed by the OCR. The material is being turned over to CIA Reproduction which will negotiate the printing contracts with the Government Printing Office. The publication should be ready for distribution in February 1962.

8. Bureaus are reminded that requests for routine filing of BIS type information to non-FBIS sources should be referred to headquarters for approval before compliance.

9. Significant broadcasting developments during the past month includes Radio Peking's unexplained suspension of its broadcasts in Turkish and Persian since 8 November and a general frequency change on 30 October 1961. Also, the Radio Moscow recorded programs rebroadcast on the Peking Home Service have not been heard by FBIS monitors since 23 October. Radio Peking in early November started retransmitting a half-hour nightly program in Albanian of Radio Tirana, apparently beamed

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to North America. The Radio Tirana programs formerly were retransmitted via Radio Sofia.

10. At the request of various government agencies, the Broadcast Information Section henceforth will publish information^{on}/the number of transmitters in each country of the world with a breakdown by longwave, mediumwave, shortwave, and frequency modulation. The initial report is to be completed by 1 June 1962 after which amendments will be included in the section's regular publications.

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